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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IN US

SUBJECT: DROBOT CASE

1. DROBOT HAS BEEN STAYING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE WITH DR. AND MRS. WALTER M. CARLETON. DR. CARLETON IS THE CHIEF OF THE US AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S RESEARCH SERVICE OFFICE HERE IN DELHI, HOLDS A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AND APPEARS ON THE INDIAN DIPLOMATIC LIST. THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF DROBOT'S HAVING RESIDED WITH THE CARLETONS. DR. CARLETON HIMSELF AGREED TO BOARD DROBOT AT THE REQUEST OF A FELLOW CHURCH MEMBER, IS NOT AWARE OF ANY OF HIS LEGAL DIFFICULTIES AND WAS NOT AWARE WHEN DROBOT LEFT HIS RESIDENCE THAT HE MIGHT BE PLANNING TO DEPART INDIA.

2. WE HAVE ADVISED DR. CARLETON THAT IF HE IS QUERIED ON HIS ASSOCIATION WITH DROBOT BY INDIAN AUTHORITIES HE SHOULD BE ABSOLUTELY FRANK AND OPEN IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM EITHER AT HIS OWN HOME OR AT THE EMBASSY BUT HAVE ADVISED HIM NOT TO GO TO THE INDIAN POLICE STATION OR COURT TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT THE EMBASSY'S SPECIFIC ADVICE. (WE WOULD BE DISPOSED TO ADVISE HIM AGAINST GOING). IF INDIAN AUTHORITIES EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN INTERROGATING DR. CARLETON OR HIS WIFE THE EMBASSY WILL ENSURE THAT A CONSULAR OFFICER IS PRESENT WITH HIM DURING THE

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QUESTIONING.

3. COMMENT: INDIAN AUTHORITIES ARE EXTREMELY ANGRY AND CHAGRINED AT DROBOT'S DEPARTURE AND MAY WELL LOOK FOR A "SCAPEGOAT." WE DOUBT THAT THEY WOULD CHOOSE TO SELECT DR. CARLETON OHIS WIFE, BUT AS MRS. CARLETON MAY HAVE BEEN THE LAST AMERICAN TO HAVE SEEN DROBOT IN NEW DELHI, WE CANNOT COMPLETELY EXCLUDE THIS POSSIBILITY AND WILL BE WATCHFUL OF ANYTHING SUGGESTING PRESSURE ON DR. CARLETON OR HIS WIFE. SCHNEIDER

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